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SUBJECT: FOOD AID CONVENTION

REF: A) GENEVA 4212 NOTAL; B) GENEVA 4113

1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE EC'S PROPOSAL REGARDING
ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE FOR ARTICLE IV PARA 3(A) OF THE PROPOSED
FOOD AID CONVENTION (PARA 4 REF B) HAS ANY GREAT MERIT.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, IT WOULD NOT ON ITS FACE LIMIT TYPES
OF FOOD AID WE COULD CREDIT TO OUR CONVENTION OBLIGATION.
IT WOULD APPARENTLY ONLY PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL MEASURE
UNDER WHICH THE EC COULD CONTRAST FAVORABLY ITS GRANT FOOD
AID ASSISTANCE AGAINST OUR CONCESSIONAL SALES WITH THEIR
LESS THAN 100 PERCENT GRANT ELEMENTS. WE AGREE THAT YOU
SHOULD OPPOSE IT, BUT IF THE EC STRONGLY INSISTS, OR FOR

OTHER TACTICAL REASONS YOU BELIEVE IT EXPEDIENT, YOU MAY ACCEPT ITS INCLUSION IN THE TEXT. SINCE THE REQUESTED DATA ARE ALREADY BEING SUBMITTED TO THE DAC, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD PROPOSE THAT THE DAC BE ASKED TO SUPPLY THEM TO THE FAC.

2. IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS POSED IN REF A PARA 2 AND IN THE SAME ORDER:

A) YES, PL 480 AGREEMENTS CAN BE SO EVALUATED;

B) YES, THEY ARE BEING REPORTED TO THE DAC WITH THEIR GRANT ELEMENT PERCENTAGE;

C) THERE IS A DAC GOAL OF 86 PERCENT FOR ALL ODA ASSIS-
TANCE TO WHICH THE EC MIGHT MAKE REFERENCE;

D) WE WOULD PROBABLY COME OUT PRETTY WELL OVERALL, GIVEN THE GRANT ELEMENT OF TITLE I AND THE 100 PERCENT GRANT ASPECT OF TITLE II. TITLE III, AS YOU POINT OUT, CREATES A NEW COMPLICATION AND WE CAN ONLY POINT THAT OUT IN ANY EVENTUAL REPORTS.

3. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THESE DATA REQUESTED BY THE EC ARE ALREADY BEING SUPPLIED TO THE OECD'S DAC AND IT SEEMS AN UNNECESSARY BURDEN TO SUPPLY THEM TO THE FAC AS WELL, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY HAVE NO RELEVANCE TO THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR CREDITING FOOD AID TO CONVENTION OBLIGATIONS AS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE III PARA 6 OF THE PROPOSED FAC. IF, HOWEVER, THE SUGGESTED AMENDMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS ADOPTED, THE DAC COULD BE ASKED TO SUPPLY COPIES OF WHAT IT ALREADY RECEIVES TO THE FAC. WE WOULD PREFER THAT PAPER WORK BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. VANCE

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